(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट को 8 लाख रुपए, संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान को 7.5 लाख रुपए और इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला को 5 लाख रुपए की राशि मंजूर की गई थी। वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट को 13 लाख रुपए, संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान को 7.5 लाख रुपए और इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला को 2 लाख रुपए की राशि मंजूर की गई थी। वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान इंडियन ला इंस्टीट्यूट को 8 लाख रुपए, संवैधानिक और संसदीय अध्ययन संस्थान को 7.5 लाख रुपए और इंडियन सोसाइटी आफ इंटरनेशनल ला को 5 लाख रुपए की राशि मंजूर की गई थी।

Study on the impact of Press Releases on Rural Development

*712. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Rural Development has conducted any study on the relationship between the actual achievements of Government and the impact of awareness through press releases of various programmes under rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether such a study will be undertaken on the impact of such awareness through press releases on rural development and eradication of poverty;

(d) whether there is a positive relationship between awareness through press releases and the rural development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are no plans to have such a specific study done in the near future through NIRD.

(d) and (e) Press releases contain information to make the public aware of Government activities in every field including rural development.

All India Competitive Examination for Inspectors of Central Excise, etc.

*713. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an All-India competitive examination was conducted in December, 1993 for recruitment of Inspectors of Central Excise, Income Tax, etc;

(b) how many were finally selected and recommended for appointment to different posts in Income Tax and other Departments;

(c) how many of them have been offered appointment so far;

(d) by when the remaining candidates are proposed to be appointed; and

(e) how long the Panel will remain valid for the purpose of recruitment under the Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. This examination was conducted by Staff Selection Commission on 12.12.93.

(b) The Commission draws up separate merit lists on zonal basis for different categories of posts with reference to firm number of vacancies reported from the indenting offices in the concerned Zones. In all, 1471 candidates have been recommended for appointment in different zones subject to verification of their eligibility in all respects.

(c) to (e) The results of the Examination were declared in Jan., 1995. The Commission has so far sent dossiers of approximately 1400 candidates to the respective indenting offices, with reference to the vacancies reported by them, for issue of offer of appointment. These indenting offices are required to issue offer of appointment to the recommended candidates at the earliest after completing

the pre-recruitment formalities such as medical examination, verification of character and antecendents. The Commission does not monitor the status of the issue of offer of appointment to the recommended candidates at a given point of time.

While it is difficult to specify by when all the candidates will be issued offers of appointment, it is clarified that as per the existing instructions, there is no expiry period of the select panel prepared on the results of a competitive examination with reference to firm number of vacancies. Therefore, the candidates recommended for appointment by SSC would be required to be adjusted by the indenting offices first before they report further vacancies to SSC for subsequent year's examination.

Functioning of Instrumentation Limited, Kota

*714. SHRI GHUFAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports on the functioning of the Instrumentation Limited, Kota;

(b) whether any outcome has been received from the BIFR to which the case of this sick PSU had been referred;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Economic Times', New Delhi dated the 5th May, 1995 under the caption "IL workers decry privatisation bid"; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BIFR has asked the Operating Agency (OA) to invite offers from private parties for takeover/merger of Instrumentation Ltd. The OA is yet to evaluate the offers/plans. BIFR has not yet taken any final decision in the matter.

(c) and (d) The news item captioned "IL workers decry privatisation bids", stated that some employees of IL have criticised the efforts being made to privatise the Company. The technical strength of the Company, high interest burden and importance of the Company were also referred to in the news item.

Efforts for consensus on Lok Pal Bill

*715. SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 122 and its Supplementaries given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 1994 and state by when Government are going to start or complete the process of bringing about a consensus on the draft of the Lok Pal Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): The Government has addressed leaders of the Parliamentary parties to offer their comments relating to legislation for setting up of Lokpal.

Committee on DPAP and DDP projects

*716. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Dr. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Chairman, Technical Committee, to go into the working of the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) projects;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Technical Committee, its salient features and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND